

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 1-8 and substitute new claims 9-16.

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9. (New) A ship for transport and mounting of structures, said ship (1) comprising a hull (2) having at least four vertically movable support legs (9) and displacement means for moving the support legs (9) upward and downward relative to the hull (2), the support legs (9) mounted in at least two consoles (5) connected to a right side and a left side of the hull by first means, the displacement means having adjustment means for adjusting the position of the support legs (9) so that the ship (1) is liftable to such an extent that waves up to a certain preselected size do not destabilize the ship (1), the ship having at least one crane (11), for handling and placing the structures below a waterline.

10. (New) The ship according to claim 9 wherein the consoles (5) comprise at least one sleeve (14) coated with a friction reducing substance on an inner surface thereof, said inner surface enclosing a portion of an outer circumference of a support leg (9).

11. (New) The ship according to claim 9 wherein the displacement means comprise at least one wire winch (8) attached to each of said support legs (9) and a hydraulic system attached thereto.

12. (New) The ship according to claim 9 wherein the support legs each comprise load cells (13).

13. (New) The ship according to claim 9 further comprising hollow spaces or chambers (12) in the hull (2) and a control system, said hollow spaces or chambers being filled with or emptied of water via the control system.

14. (New) The ship according claim 9 wherein an upper end surface of each console (5) is placed on a level with a deck (4) of the ship.

15. (New) The ship according to claim 9 wherein a lower end surface of each console (5) is placed at a level distant from a waterline of the ship, between the waterline and a bottom of the ship.

16. (New) The ship according to claim 9 wherein in the first means comprise a rail secured to the hull and fastening means.

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